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Funds for India Mark-2 Handpumps
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons behind not releasing funds to Uttar Pradesh during last year for India Mark-2 handpumps to provide pure drinking water there; and

(b) the time by which funds are likely to be released for installing new hand pumps?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS [GENERAL (Dr.) V.K. SINGH (Retd.)]

(a): Under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme, the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation releases funds to the States to carry out rural drinking water supply in their respective States. The States have been delegated powers to plan, select and implement the rural water supply in the habitations either through ground water based water supply schemes using handpumps or through schemes using surface water bodies. It is up to the State to choose the means by which they provide drinking water to the rural population in their State. The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation does not release funds to States for purchase of any type of handpump.

(b): Does not arise.

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